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A plant for GM's future in Detroit



Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, General Motors President Mark Reuss and Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan talk before General Motors' announcement of a \$2.2 billion investment in Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly plant, where it will make electric, self-driving vehicles. RYAN GARZA/DFP

Automaker's commitment: \$2.2B, 2,200 jobs at D-Ham

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General Motors is investing \$2.2 billion in its Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly plant to make it a state-of-the-art facility building electric and self-driving cars.

The automaker said Monday the plant will provide 2,200 jobs as it shifts to become the company's first all-electric vehicle plant.

Detroit-Hamtramck will start production of an all-electric pickup in late 2021, then build the Cruise Origin, an all-electric self-driving car.

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"This will be General Motors' most technically advanced assembly plant," GM President Mark Reuss said in a news conference at the facility. "That's really amazing."

For now, the plant is set to idle for retooling on Feb. 28, meaning about 800 hourly workers could be laid off or transferred. Union leaders have set up informational meetings with members to discuss their futures starting Tuesday.

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Democrats demand Bolton testify



Ukraine discussion alleged in book may undermine defense

William Cummings
USA TODAY

A published report says John Bolton wrote of an explicit discussion with President Donald Trump about Ukraine.

Democrats ratcheted up their demands that former national security adviser John Bolton testify in the Senate impeachment trial of President Donald Trump after The New York Times published a report Sunday that said Trump told Bolton he wished to withhold military aid in order to pressure Ukraine into helping with politically motivated investigations.

In his upcoming book, Bolton writes that

Trump directly and explicitly told him in August that he wished to withhold the \$391 million in military aid to Ukraine that Congress had appropriated until officials there turned over documents related to the 2016 election and former Vice President Joe Biden, the Times reported, citing people who had seen the manuscript.

Bolton's book, "The Room Where It Happened: A White House Memoir," is set for publication March 17, according to Amazon. The listing was added Sunday after the Times report, CNN reported.

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Check your tax breaks: It could pay off big

Still, many people might as well use standard deduction

Just how eager you are to file your 2019 tax return — the Internal Revenue Service began accepting returns Monday — depends on a lot of things.

Did you get socked with a bigger tax bill than usual last year after the sweeping changes under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act went into place on 2018 tax returns?

Did you suddenly owe money when you always got a refund?

Or do you feel a bit more confident now after you've gotten one tax return following the new rules under your belt? Nothing to it, so might as well get an early start long before that April 15 tax deadline.

Many people, of course, file early in the season no matter what because they're banking on a four-figure tax refund — including payouts from the Earned Income Tax Credit — to cover the bills.

The average federal income tax refund was

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Presidential campaigns gear up in Michigan

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Maria Galarza had plenty of regrets after the 2016 election.

She hadn't gotten involved in helping presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's campaign, thinking the race was in the bag.

"But now, there's a lot hanging on this election. I definitely don't want to feel that regret again, like I could have done more to campaign for Hillary," she said. "I supported her, but I didn't do anything other than get a T-shirt."

So the 32-year-old Detroit native ventured out on a rainy January night to Brewery Faisan, a pub on the east side of Detroit, to learn more about U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign and how she could help.

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